Creation of jobs

3444. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had declared during the year 2000-2001 that it would create one crore jobs for the unemployed in the Country; and

(b) if so, the number of jobs actually created and given to the unemployed by Government during the said period with details thereof; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Employment to handicapped persons

3445. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handicapped persons are not getting employment despite reservation provision are made for them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the handicapped persons registered in different employment exchanges as on the 1st June, 2001;

(d) the number of handicapped persons provided with jobs through employment exchanges during the last five years; and

(e) the measures proposed by Government to fill up reserve quota for the handicapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The provisions of reservation contained in Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 are being implemented by the Central Government Establishments and PSUs as a continuing process. The reservation of posts is confined to Government departments and public sector, where there is limited scope for employment growth.

(c) and (d) Number of handicapped job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on December 31st, 1999 (latest available) was 4.55 lakh and the placement made for them during 1995 to 1999 were as given below:

Year	No. of Placement effected
1995	3706
1996	3859
1997	4450
1998	3630
1999	4205

(e) Apart from the legislative provisions, the following steps have been taken by the Government to promote employment of persons with disabilities:—

— Special Recruitment Drives for persons with disabilities from time to time;

— Identification of more posts suitable for persons with disabilities.

— Prompt reporting of vacancies to Staff Selection Commission/Union Public Service Commission/Central Employment. Exchange etc. by Central Government Ministries/Department;

— A conference of Public Sector undertakings and concerned Ministries was held on 15.11.2000 in which the progress of implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 was reviewed and the Public Sector Undertakings have been advised to launch vigorous drive to identify vacancies and recruit persons with disabilities against them; and

— Provision of financial assistance to State Governments for setting up of Special Employment Exchanges/Upgradation of Special Cells to Special Employment Exchanges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of the Handicapped.

Vigilance Committees for identification of bonded labourers

3446. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of State Governments have not yet set up Vigilance Committees to identify the bonded labourers and to get them released;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have issued any direction to the State Governments in this regard; and